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**DOTD: Carpool Ideas during Flood Recovery** 

**Baton Rouge (August 20, 2016) -** As people in the flood-impacted areas of Louisiana begin to go back to their jobs, the Department of Transportation and Development would like to provide some possible tips to assist those who lost vehicles.

- State and local agencies as well as private employers are advised to set up employer-based carpools so their employees with cars can help those employees without cars.
- Employers could allow employees who lost vehicles in the flood to use companyowned vehicles to go to and from work until their vehicles become available.
- Agencies and private employers could also allow telecommuting for employees in applicable jobs who have lost their vehicles but can work remotely.

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We urge everyone to continue to use caution in areas where floodwaters remain. Monitor. DOTD's <a href="www.511la.org">www.511la.org</a> website for updated road closure information. Look for advisories from your local authorities and emergency managers. You can find the latest information on the state's response at <a href="www.emergency.la.gov">www.emergency.la.gov</a>. GOHSEP also provides information on Facebook and Twitter. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at <a href="www.getagameplan.org">www.getagameplan.org</a>.